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Dear Friends,

Today, I am writing to inform you that NJCSA has officially changed its name to the New Jersey **Public** Charter Schools Association (NJPCSA). Yes, charter schools are public schools!

Over the last year, we have been executing on our new strategic direction with the goal of making **statewide advocacy an organizational obsession** in order to make progress on our policy priorities. We have met with elected officials and key stakeholders all across the Garden State and have been able to debunk many myths: **Yes, charter schools are public, yes they are tuition-free, and yes they are open to all students regardless of ability level.** As we continue to advocate for fair funding and facilities solutions for charters, it is important to make it clear that charter schools are public schools and have become an integral part of the educational fabric in communities across New Jersey.

More to come on this in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we wish you, your families, and school communities health and safety in these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Harry Lee, President New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association